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THE PLAN AHEAD

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DPWT Begins Preliminary Design for Montrose Parkway East

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Montgomery County Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPWT) is in the process of developing the preliminary design (35%) plans for Montrose Parkway East. The Facility Planning Phase I concept was completed in August 2004. The Facility Planning Phase II process includes the development of the preliminary design, cost estimate, and schedule for the Montrose Parkway East project.

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide a brief overview of the project and invite you to attend the Montrose Parkway East public workshop scheduled for:

Wednesday, March 29, 2006

7:00—9:00 pm

Executive Office Building

101 Monroe Street

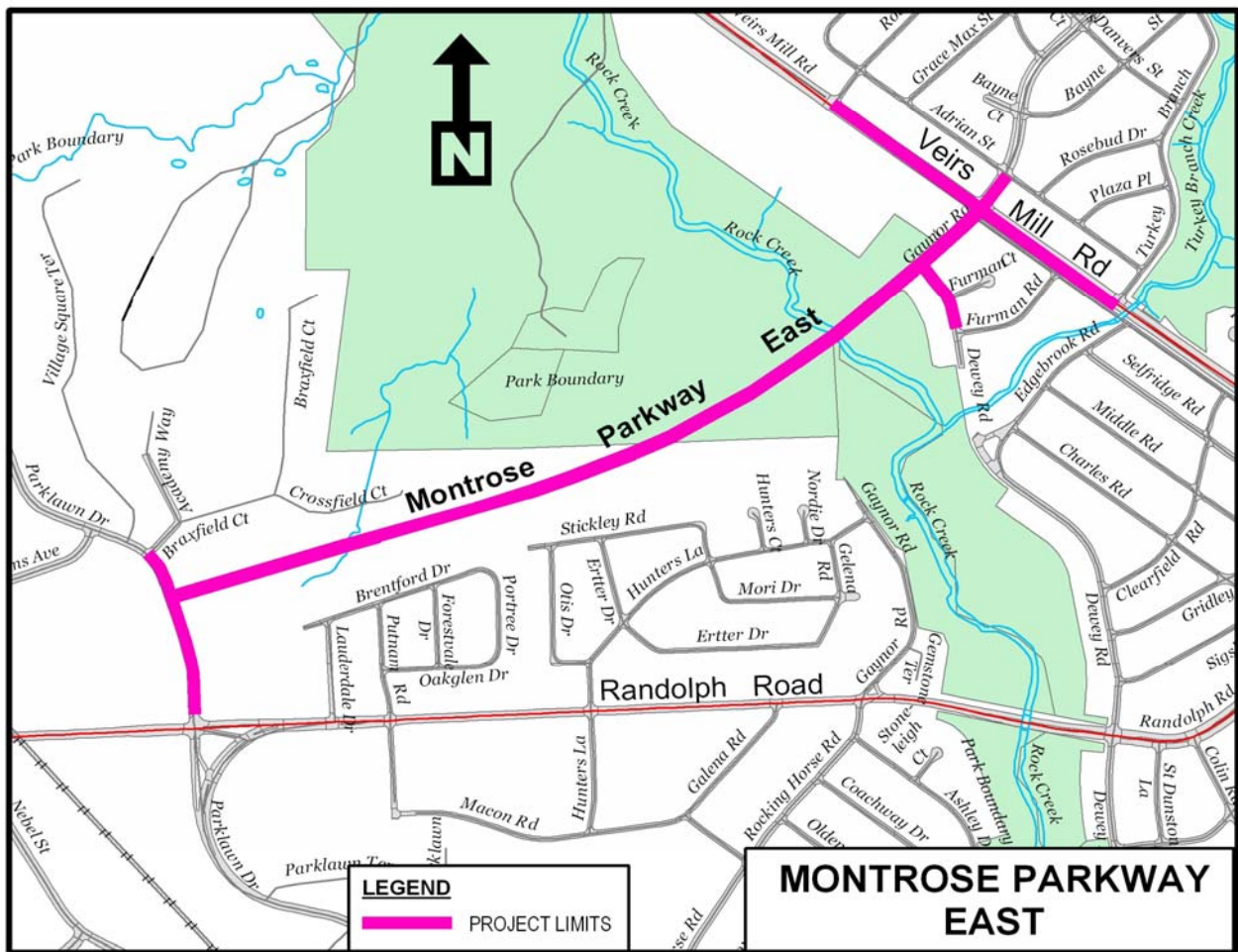
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The proposed Montrose Parkway East project is located between Parklawn Drive and Veirs Mill Road. Montrose Parkway East is designed as a four lane divided parkway as recommended in the North Bethesda/Garrett Park Master Plan. The typical section consists of two lanes in each direction with a 30 foot wide landscaped median. The median reduces to 4 feet wide as the road crosses Rock Creek Park. The length of the road is approximately 1.1 mile long. Also included in the project is a 10-foot wide bikepath and a five- foot wide sidewalk. For the new Montrose Parkway East to tie-in to the existing roadways, additional improvements will be required along Veirs Mill Road between Turkey Branch Parkway and Robindale Drive; along Parkland Road from Veirs Mill Road to Adrian Street; along Parklawn Drive from Randolph Road to Braxfield Court; and along Dewey Drive to Furman Road.

The Montrose Parkway East Phase I Facility Planning study established the purpose and need for the project which is to 1) relieve traffic congestion on roadways in the area; 2) improve safety and accessibility for motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists; and 3) provide a greenway.

Montrose Parkway East Project Limits



Your Comments are Important to DPWT

DPWT encourages you to provide your comments on the postage-paid *Project Comments Form* that is included with this newsletter or if you have access to a computer, you may directly e-mail your comments to: **daniel.sheridan@montgomerycountymd.gov**



Public input is the key to an effective planning process for it allows decision makers and elected officials to understand the concerns of the community. Once received, your comments become part of public files.

Due to the high volume of comments we receive, DPWT regrets that responses will not be provided to all feedback.

Download the newsletter at:

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/dpwt/capital/dcd/htm/MPENews0206.pdf>

Frequently Asked Questions



Q: Why is it important for me to attend this meeting? DPWT believes that public input is the key to an effective planning process because it allows decision makers to understand the needs of their community. DPWT always encourages the public to attend any of our public information meetings. The public meeting will allow a forum in which you can learn more about the project, how it may directly impact you or your property and provide an opportunity to voice your concerns.

- Why are these improvements necessary?

Phase II addresses:

- How will these improvements be performed?
- How long will the design/construction take?
- How much will the improvements cost?

The components of both Phase I and II provide enough information for elected officials to determine whether or not the project is justified to be fully funded for design and construction.

Q: What should I expect at the public meeting?

At the public meeting you will get an opportunity to meet the project manager and representatives from the different agencies who are involved with the study. A presentation will be made that will give a brief overview of the Facility Planning process for the Montrose Parkway East project, and a discussion of the preliminary design. Also, there will be a question period to address any immediate comments or concerns you may have.

Q: What study stage is Montrose Parkway East?

Montrose Parkway East is in the Facility Planning, Phase II, generally provides 35% design and involves:

1. Developing the preliminary design to 35%;
2. Obtaining public input;
3. Calculating the project cost estimate;
4. Establishing the project schedule.

Q: What if I can not attend the meeting? Is there any other way that I can be certain that you will receive my input? We certainly understand that your schedule may not permit you to attend the public meeting. You may, however, share your comments by various means with the Project Manager, Daniel Sheridan:

Q: What happens after this meeting? Your comments and concerns from the public information meeting will be taken into consideration as the project team evaluates the preliminary design. After formal review and approval by DPWT's Director, the preliminary design, cost estimate and schedule will be presented to the County Council.

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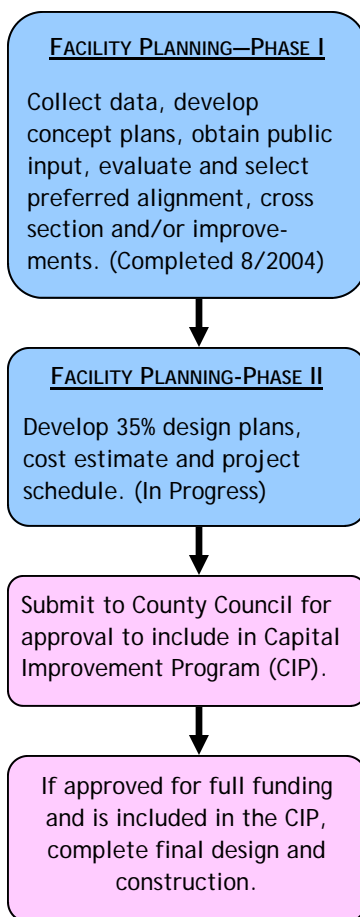
Q: Who receives this newsletter? The newsletter is mailed to Home Owner Associations representing the subject study area and property owners directly abutting the subject roadway whose names appear on the County's Geographical Information System's (GIS) data base.

If you would like to receive future newsletters on the Montrose Parkway East project, the Department of Public Works and Transportation will be pleased to add your name to the project's mailing list. Please contact Daniel Sheridan at 240-777-7283 or e-mail him at: daniel.sheridan@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Q: What is Facility Planning? Facility planning for road construction is an evaluation process that furnishes design plans which are approximately 35% complete. It is managed in two phases. Phase I addresses two essential questions:

- What will the improvements be?

THE LIFE OF A TRANSPORTATION PROJECT



- Currently Funded
- Not Funded

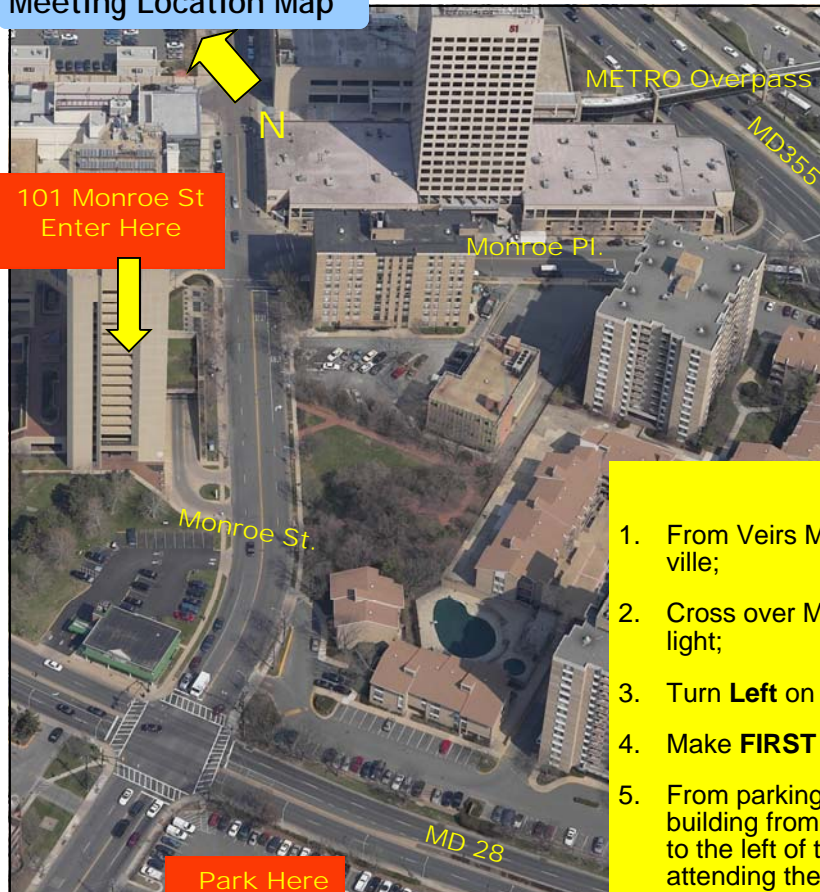


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Meeting Location Map



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DIRECTIONS

1. From Veirs Mills Road, proceed West towards downtown Rockville;
2. Cross over MD 355 (Rockville Pike) and proceed to next traffic light;
3. Turn **Left** on **Monroe Street**;
4. Make **FIRST LEFT** into surface parking lot. Parking is **FREE**;
5. From parking lot, proceed, on-foot, up Monroe Street & enter building from rear/cafeteria side. Press security button, located to the left of the double glass doors. Notify security that you are attending the Montrose Parkway East Public Meeting. Once admitted inside, take the stairs to your right. Signs will be posted